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TRANSPORTATION

New minister tasked with restoring trust

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The new minister responsible for TransLink says the pressure is on to fix the transit authority.

With a 10-year transit plan on life support after the failed plebiscite on funding and disgruntled mayors threatening to walk away from the table unless TransLink's governance model is changed, Premier Christy Clark named former education minister Peter Fassbender the Minister Responsible for TransLink.

The new cabinet position is independent of the Ministry of Transportation and tasks Fassbender (previously mayor of Langley and chairman of the TransLink mayors' council) with restoring public confidence in the authority and addressing the funding gap for future expansion.

"I do feel the pressure of getting the job done," Fassbender said. "I don't walk in with a mandate from the premier to do anything specific. The (mayors') vision is not what is in question; it is, 'How do we achieve that goal?' I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and work with the mayors of the region and stakeholders."

While complimentary of Transportation Minister Todd Stone, Fassbender said his history allows him to better understand the nuances of the transit authority and its role within the region.

As education minister, Fassbender was known for his tough talk and firm stance during the B.C. teachers dispute and his acrimonious relationship with the Vancouver School Board over funding.

Mayor Gregor Robertson seemed supportive of the move in a written statement provided to Metro.

"Making a minister directly responsible for TransLink is an important recognition of the crucial role that the B.C. government must play in reforming TransLink governance and enabling urgently needed investment in better transit," Robertson said. "Minister Fassbender and I served together on the Mayors' Council for Regional Transportation, and I know he has a strong understanding of the transportation pressures that are facing Metro Vancouver residents every day."

Gordon Price, director of Simon Fraser University's City Program, said the appointment is a positive step by the province.

"Ultimately, at some point, you have to say what you really want for Metro Vancouver to move forward," said Price. "Fassbender has always been a guy who is engaged. He takes positions. (TransLink) has now been raised as a priority."

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‘Barking up the wrong tree’

WEST VAN

Jennifer Beals responds to claims she left dog in hot car

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A Global News reporter captured actress Jennifer Beals on video after she allegedly left her dog in a hot car in West Vancouver on Wednesday. COURTESY GLOBAL NEWS

Actress Jennifer Beals is speaking out against allegations she left her dog in a hot car in West Vancouver, claiming that her pet was never in danger and that those who reported her to police are “barking up the wrong tree.”

A Global News reporter in West Vancouver filmed the Golden Globe-nominated Flashdance star on Wednesday returning to her Ford Escape, where her German shepherd was inside with the windows partially rolled down.

A male passerby confronted the actress and said he would be reporting her to police, to which Beals responded that in Vancouver’s Dunbar neighbourhood, “it’s fine” to leave a dog inside a car.

In a statement to Metro on Thursday, the actress said temperatures were a “cool” 23 C at the time she left her dog in the car.

“I, and others, were wearing jackets,” she said. “I rolled all four windows down and left the car for five minutes to pick up laundry. My car was visible to me the entire time.”

> **I rolled all four windows down and left the car for five minutes to pick up laundry. My car was visible to me the entire time.**
> Jennifer Beals

While picking up her laundry, Beals said she wondered why two people were standing by her car taking pictures of her dog.

“Proud mama thought it was because she’s so gorgeous,” she said. “While I appreciate their vigilance and what must have felt like courage on their part, they were barking up the wrong tree.”

Beals went on to say that she is a longtime dog owner who has always had rescue dogs and would “never, ever jeopardize an animal’s safety.”

“I’ve worked with dogs in obedience, agility and shepherding training,” she said. “I am not only a loving dog owner but a discerning one.”

However, Marcie Moriarty, enforcement officer for the B.C. SPCA, said she would disagree the windows were rolled down sufficiently.

“I think this is an education opportunity. I don’t doubt she loves her dog and I very much appreciate her comments around caring for her animals,” Moriarty said.

“She probably shouldn’t have been running her dry cleaning errands with her dog in the car.”

The incident has sparked widespread criticism on social media with many people directing hateful messages to Beals on Twitter and her fan Facebook page.

Alfred Hermida, author of Tell Everyone: Why We Share and Why It Matters, said he not was surprised to see the widespread public outcry following the incident.

On the Internet, Hermida said, issues relating to animal cruelty often evoke outrage from people and spark a torrent of public shaming.

“On social media, anger travels particularly well,” he said. “It’s a very contagious emotion and then people then react on an emotional basis rather than stopping to reflect before they react.”

In an age where Internet mob justice can be enough to end careers, it’s important for people to not react in a knee-jerk manner, he said.

“The issue sometimes is whether the level of attention that somebody gets and the public shaming merits what they did,” he said. “I think the lesson is to reflect before you react and to not to jump to conclusions.”

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Be it big banks and coffee monoliths or pet stores and local grocers, companies are rushing for a rainbow-coloured slice of business that comes with sponsorship Vancouver Pride festivities.

That's a win-win for both the LGBTQ+ community and businesses, even if companies' actions are self-serving, UBC assistant marketing and behaviour science professor Dave Hardisty said Thursday in the lead-up to the 650,000-person strong Pride Parade set to take over the West End on Sunday.

"They could just as easily spend ad dollars on other places," Hardisty said.

A rainbow-coloured TD Bank on Davie Street in Vancouver's West End. The bank is the title sponsor of the festival.
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

"This is an opportunity to build up brand image and do something good at the same time."

Companies want to associate themselves with Pride because people tend to choose brands that they associate with themselves, he explained.

"The push for equality, human rights and LGBT issues has really gained mass support across North America ... as someone who cares about equality, it appeals to the ideal self."

In a city where people often turn up their noses at corporate-sponsored events — don't forget the Lululemon and Altagas-sponsored yoga on the bridge fiasco — Pride doesn't get as much flack.

The Vancouver Pride Society has "absolutely" heard criticism over the years to showcase non-profits over corporations, president Tim Richards said Thursday.

"We've worked really hard to ensure there's a really balanced parade," Richards said. "We never have enough space for everyone. There's a waiting list for people who want to be involved."

> **This is an opportunity to build up brand image and do something good at the same time.**
> Dave Hardisty, professor

Ultimately, the organization depends on its sponsors, or as it calls them, partners, Richards said. (They were also asked to sign the trans equality pledge to participate, as long as they don't rely on government funding.)

"They're hugely important," he said.

This year TD is providing covered areas and misting stations (it's supposed to be hot), YVR is paying to expand the accessibility areas and VocalEye is providing a live description service for people who are visually impaired. In an effort to go green, Richards asked people to bring their own water bottles to the festival this year to try to cut down on waste.

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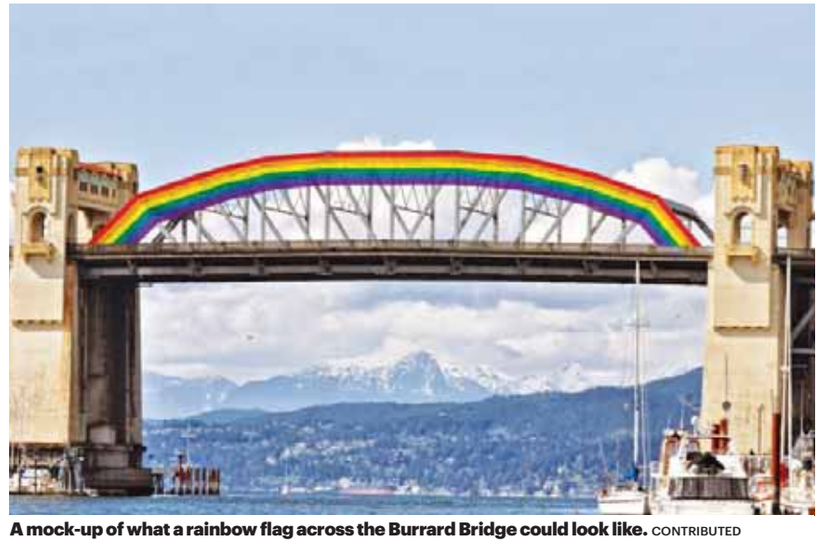

A mock-up of what a rainbow flag across the Burrard Bridge could look like. CONTRIBUTED

PRIDE

No flag on Burrard Bridge

So much for a rainbow connection.

Plans to transform the Burrard Bridge into the world's largest rainbow flag to celebrate Pride Week have foundered despite much enthusiasm from city officials and the mayor when the ad agency Rethink first proposed the idea in June.

The city said it met with the organizers to discuss the scheme, but that the organizers decided to withdraw their application.

"We appreciated all the love for the idea and almost pulled it off but unfortunately the pieces didn't all come together in time despite everyone's support," Rethink's Leah Gregg wrote in an email.

"For the next year, we'll be working closely with various partners to do whatever we can to hopefully make it a reality for next year's Pride festival."

Gregg didn't expand on why the plans fell through. It's not clear whether it was too expensive, not feasible structurally or impossible to pull it off in just over a month when council was simultaneously debating $35-million upgrades to the bridge.

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NDP call on board to reject pipeline

ENERGY

Letter accuses the NEB of stifling public engagement

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

B.C.'s official opposition says the National Energy Board cannot approve Kinder Morgan's proposed Trans Mountain pipeline "in good faith" in a scathing letter.

The letter of comment, filed Thursday by the B.C. NDP as part of the hearings into the proposed project, calls the NEB's own assessment process "fundamentally flawed and broken."

"Because the risks of the project are so great, and the process has failed to proceed in an unbiased and procedurally fair manner, we do not believe that the NEB can approve the project in good faith," wrote NDP leader John Horgan and environment critic Spencer Chandra Herbert in the 10-page submission. "There is simply insufficient evidence that the benefits of the project outweigh the risks, and the public has lost confidence in the process used to evaluate it."

The NDP made the submission under its commentator status at the hearings, which begins final oral arguments Aug. 25.

The letter accuses the NEB of stifling public engagement at the hearings by rejecting hundreds of individuals and organizations seeking status in the proceedings, prohibiting oral cross-examination of Kinder Morgan's plans and not compelling the company to respond to approximately "2,000 unanswered information requests," including parts of its spill response plan.

"In the absence of a made-in-B.C. assessment process the NEB process was the only forum in which the public would have an opportunity to assess the proponent's ability to effectively respond to a spill," the letter reads. "That opportunity was taken away by the NEB decision to allow the proponent to hide its spill response plans. It is our contention that the review process was severely undermined by this decision."

Finally, the letter urges the NEB to "do the right and honourable thing, and recognize that because of the significant risks, and the flawed and undemocratic process used to evaluate this project, it cannot be allowed to go forward."

Kinder Morgan and intervenors at the hearing will get their chance to make final submissions in the coming months.

The energy company is expected to file the fourth and final round of written responses to information requests Aug. 20, before making a 90-minute final submission in Calgary Aug. 25.

Intervenors, such as the cities of Burnaby and Vancouver and the B.C. government, are schedule to make oral arguments in September.

Xenoa Skinteh fortifies a protest shelter on Burnaby Mountain in 2014. Protesters were trying to block Kinder Morgan from resuming surveying work in the area. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Port Mann Bridge tolls increased

Tolls for the Port Mann Bridge will be increased as of Aug. 15, the Crown corporation responsible announced Thursday.

TI Corp says the rate adjustment is needed to keep up with operating and maintenance costs for the bridge and repaying debt.

Tolls for small vehicles will increase to $3.15 per (from $3), $6.30 for medium cars, $9.45 for large vehicles and $1.60 for motorcycles.

The $3.3 billion, 10-lane bridge connecting Surrey and Coquitlam opened late 2012.

TI Corp says that traffic on the bridge is up five per cent over 2014. METRO

EAST VANCOUVER

Man in hospital after break-in

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A man was sent to hospital early Thursday following a home invasion in East Vancouver that police say appears to have been targeted.

Const. Brian Montague, spokesman for Vancouver Police, said the incident happened shortly after midnight at an apartment on Wall Street near McGill Street.

"There were three people in the apartment when four masked men entered," said Montague. "They were in possession of some firearms. I don't know if they were real firearms, replicas or both."

Montague said at least one of the weapons appears to have been a BB gun, but it's unclear if the men were also carrying firearms. No arrests have been made.

He said the men assaulted a 22-year-old man, who was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

According to media reports, the men were wearing Halloween masks, one of which appeared to be a devil mask.

Police aren't sure of the motive behind the home invasion except that it appears to have been targeted, said Montague.

"It doesn't appear that anything was taken, but that's not to say that that wasn't the intent," he said. "There's nothing to indicate that this was a random break-in."

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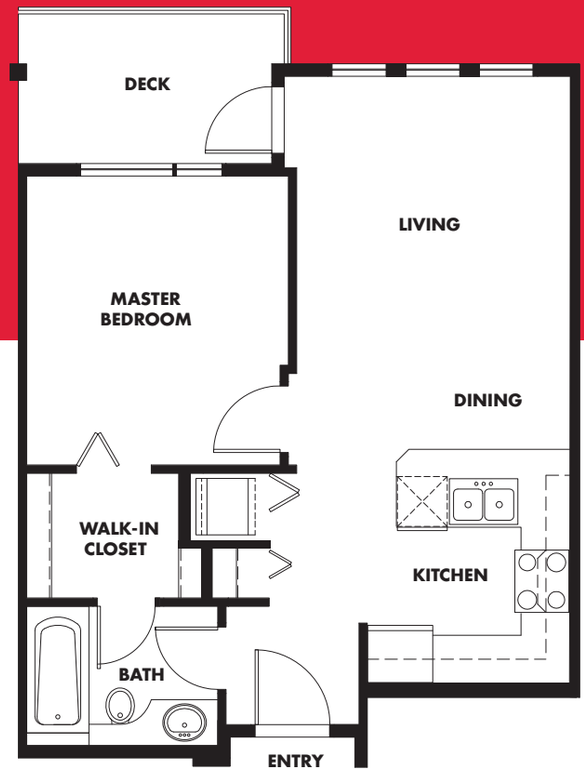

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E.coli spikes at Locarno Beach days after Celebration of Light

HEALTH

Heat, tides, improper waste disposal could be to blame

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Officials are reminding the hundreds of boaters bobbing in English Bay for the annual fireworks festivities to pump, not dump, their sewage.

There was a spike in E.coli levels at Locarno Beach days after the Celebration of Light last weekend, Vancouver Coastal Health spokeswoman Tiffany Akins confirmed Thursday.

While exact cause of the spike is unknown, Akins identified potential culprits as improper sewage disposal, hot weather speeding up bacterial growth, lack of tidal flush or increased human and animal activity.

The bacteria count has since leveled out to 34 parts per 100 mL of water, according to Metro Vancouver water samples published Thursday. While that's double the count from the previous week, it's well within the swimming safety standard of 200 parts per 100 mL.

E.coli levels in False Creek and at other beaches were largely static despite the influx of pleasure crafts. As of last week, E.coli levels are back to seasonal norms after abnormally crappy bacteria counts in May, June and early July.

Regardless, park board officials are using the opportunity to remind boaters to be responsible before the Celebration of Light finale on Saturday.

Samuel Swanson and Annette Cheung take a dip at Locarno Beach Thursday. E.coli levels are well within the range for safe swimming. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

"We'd just encourage everybody to help us get the word out and make sure they're doing their part to not contribute to higher E.coli levels," park board commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung said Thursday.

The park board is offering free pump-outs at its civic marinas and extended hours at the Burrard Civic Marina to midnight from 6 p.m. so boaters don't have an excuse not to pump.

> **Water quality is everybody's concern in Vancouver ... We live in such a special destination that it's troubling for everybody to have high E.coli levels.**
> Park board commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung

There was higher activity at the pump-out stations on both fireworks nights, Kirby-Yung said, although she didn't have exact numbers.

In June, the park board launched a "keep it clean" campaign targeted at boaters, dog owners and beachgoers as a proactive way to combat the unusually high E.coli levels. It posted signs and ramped up its social media presence to remind people to "pump, don't dump," "scoop the poop" and "put waste in its place."

"This is not a one-solution problem ... we know that dumping sewage is one of those factors so we try to provide opportunities for people to be dumping," she said.

Kirby-Yung credited organizations such as the Dragon Boat Festival and the Georgia Strait Alliance for helping the board spread the word about the campaign.

"Water quality is everybody's concern in Vancouver," she said. "We live in such a special destination that it's troubling for everybody to have high E.coli levels."

High levels of E. coli bacteria in the water can increase the risk of gastro-intestinal illness to swimmers.

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A judge dismissed a man's claim he was injured on a Canada Line escalator. JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

Signage not cause of injury: Judge

CANADA LINE

Man claimed he fell because of misleading signs in station

A judge has dismissed a man's court claim that he suffered a head injury because he was misled by signage before he stepped on an escalator at a Canada Line station and fell.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Peter Voith concluded that Abdi Ali Mohamed did not take the escalator but stumbled going down the stairs at the Aberdeen Station in Richmond in 2010.

Mohamed had asked a SkyTrain attendant for assistance after he fell — he told the attendant he fell on the escalator. The attendant called for an ambulance, which took Mohamed to hospital.

The attendant said she thought Mohamed was intoxicated because he smelled of alcohol and was slurring his words. Mohamed said he only had two beers with friends during the seven or eight hours he spent at Joe's Cafe on Commercial Drive before heading home to Richmond around 10 p.m.

The court was told that Mohamed, 44, a former construction labourer and carpenter, had been unable to work after he was injured as a passenger in a serious bus accident in 2006, for which he received a settlement in 2011.

He told the court he has had balance problems since the bus accident, which has caused him to fall on many occasions. His dizziness is made worse by riding escalators and elevators, he said.

Mohamed's lawsuit against the Canada Line operators claimed that he was misled by signage at the Aberdeen station — the sign showed the escalator going down when it actually went up to the platform — and that he lost his balance and fell on the escalator, hitting his head and injuring his right knee.

But Mohamed's claim was contradicted by surveillance footage from the cameras at the Aberdeen station. The judge noted that each of the Canada Line's 16 stations has 25 to 40 cameras, which are monitored continuously at a control room in Richmond.

Minutes after the fall was reported by the SkyTrain attendent, the control room checked the computerized video footage and found Mohamed did not take the escalator but had stumbled going down the stairs.

In dismissing the personal injury claim, the judge found Mohamed's evidence was "unreliable" and "inaccurate."

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IN BRIEF

UBC's Quantum Matter Institute gets major grant

The University of British Columbia's Quantum Matter Institute has received the largest government investment into any of its programs, the school announced Thursday. The feds are providing $66.5 million to the department, a world-class centre of excellence in quantum research. "This funding ... will advance Canada's position as a global leader in quantum materials," said QMI director Andrea Damascelli in a statement. METRO

TASER INCIDENT

RCMP used officer as scapegoat: Wife

The wife of an RCMP officer who killed himself two years ago claims that her husband was used by the Mounties as a scapegoat in the death of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport in October 2007.

In a statement of claim filed in B.C. Supreme Court, Sheila Lemaitre says her husband, Pierre, was told he would lose his job if he tried to correct misinformation given to the media about the night Dziekanski died.

The sergeant was the media relations officer who released information about the incident where the Polish immigrant was jolted with a police Taser and died on the floor of the arrivals area. The lawsuit claims Lemaitre wanted to correct the information, but was ordered not to and as a result was accused by the public as being the "RCMP liar" and the "RCMP spin doctor."

The statement says the RCMP knew Lemaitre was under extreme psychological distress.

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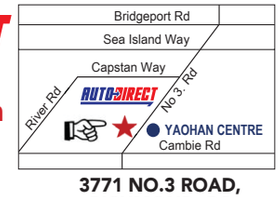

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MPs mum on drug

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Abortion pill gets go-ahead from Health Canada

Bottles of the abortion-inducing drug RU-486. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conservative cabinet ministers shied away Thursday from questions about Health Canada's decision to approve the abortion drug known as RU-486.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay declined to comment on the decision during a stop in Calgary to make an unrelated announcement.

"Oh gosh. I think that would best be directed to (Health) Minister (Rona) Ambrose," he said.

"It is an issue of course for women, families, Canadians everywhere, but I think your question would best be directed to Health Canada."

Health Canada confirmed late Wednesday that it has approved the drug for use here, a decision that comes two-and-a-half years after the manufacturer's application was submitted.

Women will need to obtain a prescription from a doctor to purchase the pill.

Ambrose told reporters in St. Albert, Alta., that the decision did not rest with her.

"It's out of my hands and the decision is final," she said.

"Any of those details you would have to speak to the officials at Health Canada and the scientists that actually manage the regulatory approval process. I'm not involved in it."

Ambrose cancelled two events scheduled for Thursday afternoon and Friday in Edmonton and area. No reason was given.

The RU-486 drug has been available since 1988 in France and was approved for use in the United States in 2000.

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TERROR TRIAL

Cairo court delays journalist's verdict

Mohamed Fahmy's legal saga was drawn out further on Thursday as an Egyptian court abruptly postponed a much-anticipated verdict in his widely denounced terror trial.

The Canadian journalist — who was first arrested 19 months ago — expressed frustration at the delay, which will now see him return to a Cairo court on Aug. 2.

"It's just mind boggling the way they continue to play with our emotions here," Fahmy told The Canadian Press. "It's very hard on everyone."

Fahmy said his lawyers have since confirmed that the case is expected to be back in court on Sunday, but there was speculation even that date could be pushed back as two judicial officials speaking on the condition of anonymity said the judge in the case was seriously ill.

The delay means more anxious anticipation for Fahmy, who admitted a postponement of a verdict was not one of the outcomes he had prepared for.

Canada's minister of state for consular affairs said the government was calling on Egypt to use "all the tools at its disposal" to resolve Fahmy's case.

"We are deeply concerned over Mr. Fahmy's current situation and disappointed by the continued delay in his trial," Lynne Yelich said in a statement.

The Canadian Journalists For Free Expression was among a number of voices to express disappointment at Fahmy's verdict being put off.

"I feel like it's never going to end," said spokesman Tom Henheffer. "We've been ready for this to be over and it just continues on. It's astoundingly frustrating for us. I can't even imagine how difficult this must be for Mohamed."

Henheffer said it was "ridiculous" that Fahmy and his colleagues were arrested in the first place, and added that there was no justification for his retrial to be dragging on for so long. THE CANADIAN PRESS

VOWS

Amidst the stress of the last week, Fahmy said he and his fiancee, Marwa Omara, had married.

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5 THINGS VOTERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

Stephen Harper is poised to fire the starting gun for the Oct. 19 federal election. Sources say the prime minister is set to visit Gov. Gen. David Johnston within days, possibly as soon as Sunday, to formally dissolve Parliament and launch what will be the costliest and — at 11 weeks — one of the longest campaigns in Canadian history. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1 Number of days

Elections law requires a minimum campaign of 37 days. It does not impose a maximum length. Harper is choosing to make this the longest traditional campaign in Canadian history. Only the first two election campaigns after Confederation were longer — 81 days in 1867 and 96 days in 1872 — but in those early days voting was staggered across the country over a period of several months, necessarily extending the length of the campaigns. Since then, the longest campaign was 74 days in 1926.

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2 Cha-ching

Due to legislation passed last year by the Harper government, campaign spending limits for parties and candidates will increase by 1/37th for every day past 37 days. Even had this campaign lasted just the minimum length, it was already on target to be the costliest in history, with spending limits of about $25 million for each party and an average of $100,000 for each candidate. Those limits will more than double for an 11-week campaign.

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3 Campaign costs

Elections Canada estimates that a five-week campaign would cost about $375 million to administer. A longer campaign will mean the agency must pay untold millions more to rent office space, furniture and equipment for returning officers in each of the country's 338 ridings and for staff in those offices. Taxpayers will also foot the bill for much larger rebates to parties and candidates, who receive reimbursements for 50 per cent and 60 per cent, respectively, of their eligible election expenses.

4 It's debatable

The tradition of holding two televised leaders' debates, the pivotal point of modern election campaigns, will not apply this time. The Conservatives upended that tradition last spring by announcing that Harper would not participate in the one French and one English debate sponsored by a consortium of broadcasters. Instead, there will be a series of at least four debates sprinkled throughout the campaign and sponsored by a variety of sources, starting Aug. 6.

5 Ready, set, vote!

Under legislation passed by the Harper government last year, voters will need to produce identification that shows where they live before being allowed to cast ballots. As well, voter information cards sent to all electors by Elections Canada will no longer be considered valid pieces of ID. Electoral experts have warned these two measures could disenfranchise tens of thousands of voters.

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AFGHANISTAN

Taliban confirm the death of leader

The Taliban confirmed the death of longtime leader Mullah Mohammad Omar and appointed his successor Thursday, as a new round of peace talks was indefinitely postponed amid concerns over how committed the new leadership is to ending the militant group's 14-year insurgency.

The Afghan Taliban Shura, or Supreme Council, chose Mullah Omar's deputy, Mullah Akhtar Mansoor, as its new leader, two Taliban figures said, adding the seven-member council had met in the Pakistani city of Quetta.

Mansoor is considered close to Pakistani authorities who hosted peace talks earlier this month, and his election could widen an internal split between fighters who favour negotiations with the Afghan government and those who want to continue an insurgency that has gained speed following the end of the international combat mission last year. Mansoor has effectively commanded the movement for the three years since Mullah Omar's previous deputy and co-founder of the movement, Mullah Abdul Baradar, was arrested by Pakistani authorities. Observers say he has the respect of battlefield commanders and is behind the intensification of the war in recent months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

During 14 years of jihad ... Mullah Omar never left Afghanistan.
Statement from Mullah Omar's family

French police carry a piece of debris from a plane in Saint-Andre, Reunion Island, on Wednesday. LUCAS MARIE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

POLICE KILLINGS

Officer pleads not guilty in shooting

A white U.S. police officer who shot a black motorist after stopping him over a missing licence plate pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges of murder and voluntary manslaughter.

The July 19 death of 43-year-old Samuel DuBose in Cincinnati, Ohio, comes amid months of national scrutiny of police dealings with African-Americans, especially those killed by officers.

Officer Ray Tensing, 25, appeared at his arraignment Thursday wearing a striped jail suit, with his hands cuffed behind him.

When Judge Megan Shanahan set bond at $1 million, people in the courtroom audience cheered and the judge rebuked them. The judge rejected the defence attorney's contention that Tensing wasn't at a flight risk.

Tensing's attorney Stewart Mathews said that there are two sides to the case and that the much-viewed body camera video of the stop can be interpreted differently from the prosecutor's version.

Mathews described Tensing, who is due back in court in August, as "very depressed" and "in shock at this point," adding that Tensing has felt "like he's been run over by a train from the state of the case and it continues." Tensing, who could face up to life in prison if convicted, has said he thought he was going to be dragged under the car and "feared for his life," according to Mathews. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Solid clue turns up in hunt for MH370

MISSING AIRCRAFT

Investigators say washed-up wing part of a Boeing 777

A sea-crusted wing part that washed up on an island in the western Indian Ocean may be the first trace of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 since it vanished nearly a year and a half ago — and a tragic but finally solid clue to one of aviation's most perplexing and expensive mysteries.

Malaysia's prime minister said Thursday the debris found on the French island of Reunion will be sent for investigation to the French city of Toulouse, hub of the European aviation industry.

"We have had many false alarms before, but for the sake of the families who have lost loved ones and suffered such heartbreaking uncertainty, I pray that we will find out the truth so that they may have closure and peace," Najib Razak said on his personal blog.

Najib promised to make any new information public quickly.

Air-safety investigators — one of them a Boeing investigator — have identified the component as a "flaperon" from the trailing edge of a Boeing 777 wing, a U.S. official said. Flight 370, which disappeared March 8, 2014 with 239 people on board, is the only 777 known to be missing.

The piece could help investigators figure out how the plane crashed, but whether it will help search crews pinpoint the rest of the wreckage is unclear, given the complexity of the currents in the southern Indian Ocean and how much time has elapsed since the plane disappeared.

"It's the first real evidence that there is a possibility that a part of the aircraft may have been found," said Australian Transport Minister Warren Truss, whose country is leading the search for the plane in a remote patch of ocean far off Australia's west coast. "It's too early to make that judgment, but clearly we are treating this as a major lead." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ISRAEL

Man stabs six at Jerusalem pride parade

Revellers dancing and singing through the streets of Jerusalem during the holy city's annual gay pride parade were left shrieking in pain and panic Thursday night, as an anti-gay extremist lunged into a group leading the march and stabbed six people, Israeli police and witnesses said.

Police said the attacker, Yishai Schlissel, who was arrested at the scene for Thursday's attack, had been released from prison just three weeks ago, after serving a sentence for stabbing several people at the parade in 2005. Six people were wounded in the attack, two of them seriously, Eli Bin of Israel's emergency service said.

Plainclothes police detain a man at Gay Pride in Jerusalem Thursday. SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Gay Pride Parade was proceeding as planned with party music, Israeli flags and rainbow-clad marchers winding their way through central Jerusalem's barricaded streets, under a heavy police presence.

An Associated Press photographer witnessed the attacker enter the throng of people with his hand in his coat and within seconds raise a knife and begin stabbing people in the back. Police pounced on him and arrested him. The crowd's carefree cheers suddenly gave way to screams. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Challenger jet comes in for a landing past the Bombardier plant in Montreal in May. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombardier profits down

MANUFACTURING

New CEO cutting costs amid slumping sales abroad

Bombardier said it will delay the debut of a new business jet it had touted as an example of its forward thinking as it announced plans Thursday to cut costs amid a drop in profits.

After his first full quarter at the helm, CEO Alain Bellemare said he has a stronger grasp of what the company needs to do to turn around and it is looking to reduce the cost of making its planes and trains.

"After five months on the job, I have a better understanding of our challenges and opportunities," said Bellemare, who took over in February, on a conference call with investors.

"We are taking specific action, including the launch of our Bombardier transformation plan, a disciplined approach to cash management and the strengthening of our leadership team to reshape the company and ensure our long-term success."

The company said the debut of its new Global 7000 business jet will be delayed until 2018, two years after its original schedule of 2016. Bellemare said a review of the project was nearly complete and that the first test-flight plane is currently being assembled in Toronto.

Bombardier reported a second-quarter profit of $125 million US, down from $155 million a year ago, as a stronger U.S. dollar hurt revenue.

Chief financial officer Pierre Alary said falling demand for its business jets from China and Russia helped drag down its profits, but the company expects demand to rebound in the second half of the year. Net orders for its business airplanes fell to eight during the second quarter from 30 a year earlier, the company said, while orders for its commercial aircraft fell to three from 18 last year.

In May, the company said it would cut about 1,750 employees in Montreal, Toronto and Ireland, citing the same weak demand for its business jets.

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IN BRIEF

Greek debt crisis: IMF hesitating on third bailout

An International Monetary Fund official says the IMF cannot participate in another Greek bailout until Greece and its creditors make difficult decisions on economic reforms and debt relief. Still, the fund is participating in talks.

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TECHNOLOGY

Nokia sees second quarter growth

Nokia CEO Rajeev Suri
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Nokia enjoyed a solid 60 per cent rise in net profit in the second quarter, with a good performance in its core networks division suggesting the Finnish company is succeeding in turning its business around since selling its handsets operation to Microsoft in 2013.

Hannu Rauhala, senior analyst at Pohjola Bank, said the figures dispelled fears among investors that Nokia would suffer from a general sluggishness in global network business.

The profit of 347 million euros ($383 million) beat expectations and Nokia's stock jumped more than 9 per cent to 6.51 euros in midday Helsinki trading.

Overall sales in the period increased 9 per cent to 3.2 billion euros, helped by currency fluctuations but also increased demand for software in mobile broadband and global services.

"It was a good performance for Nokia, and I think markets had been worried that it too would have shown signs of the general slowdown in the industry," Rauhala said.

Nokia said that the networks unit, which accounts for 85 per cent of total revenue, was expected to see growth of some 8 to 11 per cent for the full year. It also expects improvement in the other two remaining sectors, Here mapping services and Nokia technologies, which handles the lucrative licensing portfolio.

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON BARE BREASTS

Police officers need to accept that no matter how uncomfortable, nervous or randy a topless lady might make them feel, female bodies aren't indecent.

I used to date a guy who loved to take his shirt off. His favourite place in which to go topless was any sunny one, any hot one or, really, any public one. It wasn't long before I realized he was a douchebag and broke it off. That said, as much as he was a dipstick, had a police officer ever stopped him and told him to put a shirt on, I would have been appalled. In Canada, each of us has a right to be a topless douchebag.

Headlines went gaga this week for three sisters in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont. They were stopped by police while bike riding top-nude. According to the sisters, the officers' first concern was that they cover up, but when one of the ladies started recording the interaction, police concern mysteriously turned from breasts to bicycle safety (bells, lights, helmets etc.) It seems they knew not to challenge a bare breast on camera.

The long-short story of toplessness in Canada goes something like: In 1991, Gwen Jacob was arrested and found guilty for walking home from the University of Guelph topless (the charge was indecency). In 1996, the Ontario Court of Appeal acquitted Jacob which kinda-pretty-much made it legal for women to go topless in Ontario (a decision which heavily influenced the rest of Canada. Though, as the sisters' ordeal illustrates, the issue is subject to local interpretation — and the selective memories of police.

And now, 20 years later, ladies are still having problems hanging out.

Here's the thing: There are about 13 reasons I personally wouldn't go topless, ranging from quality of breast to fear of burnt areolas to, yes, fear of someone thinking I'm a douchebag. But these are my personal neuroses, and just because I wouldn't do it doesn't mean I don't want to know I *could* do it without someone scolding or humiliating me. I get enough of that in my Boot Camp class at the Y.

Police officers need to be informed and need to accept that, no matter how uncomfortable, nervous or randy a topless lady might make them feel, female bodies aren't indecent.

Consider: Last month, a topless 8-year-old girl was asked to cover up at a public pool in Guelph, Ont. Isn't that gross? It was her first lesson in the difference between the sexes. There is nothing sexual about a little girl, so why ask her to put on a shirt? Because she needs to know that this is the way it's going to be. It's like training wheels for being oppressed.

While the seasonal climate might be right to go topless, we need to improve the social one, big time. I say it's time we train them. Take it all off, ladies! (Unless you don't want to!) I think we should saturate our culture in breasts until the only people that find it distracting are hungry babies.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler.

Happy face/Sad face

From **missing mixtapes** to **troves of treasure,**
Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Historic hip-hop heist

Legendary DJ Grandmaster Flash has had his record collection — and a piece of music history — stolen from a New York parking garage. A valet was duped into giving the DJ's car, and three crates of rare, vintage, vinyl records, to an imposter. The artist, whose real name is Joseph Saddler, had the records because he was working on a TV show about the 1970s music scene. Saddler was one of the first to combine rap lyrics with cut-up funk and soul tracks to create a new genre: hip-hop.

SOURCE: BBC

Singing loud and free, finally

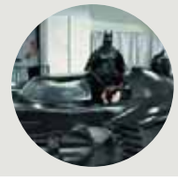
Happy birthday to ... stop right there, or you'll have to pay. But that may be about to change. Happy Birthday to You, which dates to the 1890s, is still under copyright. Now, a film crew is suing the song's owner, Warner/Chappell, claiming they have proof it should be in the public domain: A 1927 reprint that predates Warner's 1935 copyright by eight years. If a judge agrees, the song could soon be a free accompaniment to ice cream and cake.

SOURCE: WASHINGTON POST

Caped crusader with car trouble

Drivers on Ontario's Highway 401 near Napanee on Sunday were agape as they watched Batman, in his Batsuit, working on his Batmobile. Stephen Lawrence — a.k.a. the Brampton Batman — was driving home from a charity event when he heard an odd noise and stopped to inspect the problem. But by then, traffic was backed up with people trying to glimpse the masked man working on his vehicle without the aid of superpowers.

SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS



Fishing for a fortune in Florida

Members of a Florida family who have been diving in the Atlantic for treasure for years have finally struck gold. Rick and Lisa Schmitt and their children found $1 million worth of gold artifacts from the wreckage of a 1715 Spanish fleet. The booty included 51 coins and 12 metres of gold chain, according to Fleet-Queens Jewels, which owns the wreckage. (The Schmitts were diving under a contract). The spoils will be split between the company, the Schmitts and a museum. SOURCE: REUTERS

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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We may need to see the perils of smart weapons to believe

We've always excelled at imagining our own demise.

It's cathartic to sink into a story of ultimate despair, then emerge to see that it's not that bad, yet. No need to worry.

But the heavy brains of the world aren't just worrying, but urging us to wake up and smell the impending doom.

Top artificial-intelligence researchers and science figures, including Elon Musk and Stephen Hawking, issued a dire warning this week.

Artificial intelligence is "the third revolution in warfare, after gunpowder and nuclear arms," they wrote in an open letter. "The key question for humanity today is whether to start a global AI arms race or to prevent it from starting."

"Experts warn of killer robots," shouted the headlines. Enter your preferred pop-culture reference (mine's The Matrix).

At the University of Alberta, computer science professor Csaba Szepesvari was one of the letter's signatories. He studies how computers can process data in a way that lets them learn and make decisions, a critical step to operating intelligently and independently of humans.

With AI, "War becomes quite a different game," he said. "Compassionate decisions are removed."

It's not a matter of terminator cyborgs, necessarily; AI technology is becoming cheap and accessible enough that something more rudimentary but no less deadly — like a quadrotor armed with a bomb — could appear in years, not decades.

"The scariest part of it is you start to give it autonomy," Szepesvari said. Then, imagine it's infected by a bug — or hacked.

The signatories envision a different future, one in which AI is used for good.

Computers could design, execute and analyze their own experiments. Autonomous cars are here, and researchers have been developing AI robots to respond to disasters.

"There is a lot of hype around AI and a lot of misunderstanding," Szepesvari said. Killer robots aren't going to wipe out humans in 10 years, he noted, but "Average folk should pressure their governments to prevent this arms race."

I'm not sure I trust militaries to resist the temptation, or at the very least, I have a bad case of the cynicals. Industrialized societies seem addicted to invention and allergic to preparing for the consequences. Many turning points in climate-change action came only after people began to witness its effects. When it comes to the peril of AI weapons, will we need to see it to believe it?

And then, will it be too late?

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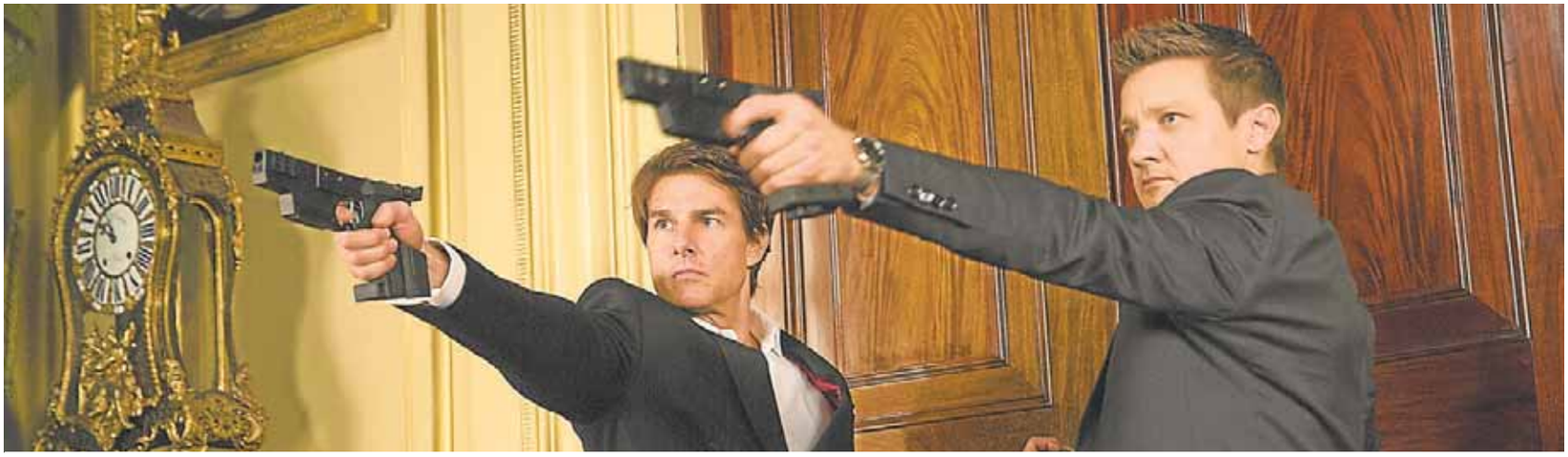

Tom Cruise and Jeremy Renner star in Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation. DAVID JAMES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Real stunts add to the action

ACTION

It's not just nostalgia for pre-CG days, stunts impress

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse

Check the IMDB page for Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation. You'll learn that Tom Cruise clung to the outside of an Airbus A400M at an elevation of 5000 feet, held his breath for six minutes underwater and performed dangerous driving scenes all without the aid of an on-camera stuntperson.

It's not that he is trying to break the stunt union or put anyone out of work. Instead it is Cruise's commitment to making sure the stunts in his films have a true, palpable sense of danger to them.

Much of what we see on screen these days is computer generated, illusions made up of bits and bytes, but many of the truly eye catching images we've seen in movies this summer were created the old fashioned way.

Remember the "car drop" scene from Furious 7? Stunt coordinator (and former Knight Rider stunt driver) Jack Gill actually arranged for autos to be launched out of a C-130 Hercules four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft. They shot the scene twice. First aerial photographers in parachutes followed the cars as they dove from an altitude of 12,000 feet and then again from 8000 feet to get helicopter shots. The result is a wild sequence that feels like a roller-coaster ride with real cars.

After years of "following the CG evolution," using computer generated images to create beautiful animated films like Happy Feet and Babe: A Pig in the City, Mad Max: Fury Road director George Miller says he was keen to go back to "old school" filmmaking "with real cars and real people and real desert."

That means, unlike the Avengers and their ilk, respecting the laws of physics by using practical effects and keeping the action earthbound. In other words, in a call back to the original Max films — Mad Max, Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior and Beyond Thunderdome — when a car blows up it doesn't rocket into space. Instead it explodes spectacularly but organically. The wild action you see in Fury Road are actual stunts performed by stunt men and women and not generated by a clever computer operator in a studio. "It was like going back to your old home town and looking at it anew," Miller says.

Nicholas Hoult, who plays Nux in Fury Road, says having the stunts performed for real added to his performance.

"Because it was all real it actually makes your job a lot easier," he said. "Rather than being on a stage and having to pretend that things are happening around you and react to nothing, things are actually happening and your reactions are real."

Carla Gugino says there was quite a bit of greenscreen action in her earthquake movie San Andreas, but adds director Brad Peyton "wanted to do as much in camera as possible."

In one pivotal scene she and Dwayne Johnson are in a helicopter flying above the carnage.

"The helicopter was in a stage, on a greenscreen," she says, "but was on a gimbal many, many feet up that literally dropped, dove and spun. We were twenty-five feet off the ground."

"I think it makes a difference in watching the movie too. It feels much more viscerally connected."

So filmmakers and actors love giving audiences the real deal thrill of practical effects, but how did Tom Cruise, what feel about hanging on to the side of an aircraft in full flight?

"I was actually scared s—less," he says.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation	★★★★
Vacation	★★★
A Lego Brickumentary	★★

HOW RATING WORKS	
★★★★	SEE IT
★★★	WORTHWHILE
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INTERVIEW

Mission: Possible — Actress overcame vertigo to do stunts

Rebecca Ferguson did all her own stunts in Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation. CHIABELLA JAMES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Richard Crouse
For Metro

When Rebecca Ferguson was cast as Ilsa Faust in Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation, she didn't know exactly what she was getting into. "This is a Mission film," says the Swedish actress. "You process that in your head. It means action. I don't know what kind of action, but it will be action."

Ferguson, who is best known for period dramas like BBC's The White Queen and The Cousin's War, expected the role would be physical, but adds, "they were kind enough not to inform me about the high jumps that were to be held on the first day of shooting."

She describes her first stunt, a 75-feet leap from the roof of the Vienna Opera House, as, "completely, absolutely gobsmackingly terrifying."

"I told them, 'Look, I'm great underwater. I dive. I love all that. Jumping off buildings? I'm thinking no.' They said, 'That's fine. We have stunt doubles.' I went, 'Stunt doubles? No, no, no, no, no. What do I have to do?'"

For weeks she trained six hours a day to meet the physical demands of the shoot and mentally prepared to overcome her vertigo for the Opera House stunt. "We just worked our way up and got to 75 feet," she says. "I did the jump."

What went through her mind as she stepped off the building? "Don't look down and keep your legs wrapped tightly around Tom. Jump and look cool."

She says she was not forced into the stunt and could always have said no, but ultimately enjoyed doing it.

"I love the intensity of the action sequences. There is an energy that is just incredible and your heart is beating."

The 32-year-old actress, who will next be seen opposite Meryl Streep in the Stephen Frears film Florence Foster Jenkins, says in those moments of stress she becomes very focused. Later though, the weight of the situation sinks in.

"After," she says, "it hits me. I go, 'Is that Tom Cruise? Am I kicking ass with Tom Cruise?'"

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Founding fathers of punditry

PIONEERS

A war of words: commentators drop their gloves on TV

Steve Gow
For Metro

"The reason that Vidal (pictured right) and Buckley (left) worked as public figures on TV so much was that they understood the theatre of it," said filmmaker Morgan Neville. HANDOUT

When director Morgan Neville was first presented with old footage of debates between highbrow thinkers Gore Vidal and William F. Buckley, he had no idea it was going to make such great cinema.

"(I thought) there might be a documentary here but we didn't know the context," recalled Neville, who teamed up with co-director Robert Gordon. "Here are these two amazing characters speaking like I don't see people speaking on television today. I felt like it could lead to a lot of interesting places."

Where it led was to an insightful, acclaimed exploration about the moment when television news changed forever in Best of Enemies — the highly-anticipated follow-up to Neville's Oscar-winning film Twenty Feet From Stardom.

During the 1968 Democratic and Republican national conventions, politically-disparate commentators Buckley and Vidal were hired to fill some time for TV's lowliest broadcaster through a series of cheaply-produced debates. In turn, the two men (who apparently detested each other) brought in huge ratings — so much so that their heated exchanges initiated the dawn of pundit news that's so prevalent today.

"In the old TV world, there just wasn't a lot of debate. There wasn't even much commentary on TV news," said Neville, who once held a job as fact-checker for Vidal.

"Now we have whole channels that are basically debate or commentary. The reality is it's cheap and you don't need intelligent people throwing out sparks — you just need the sparks. Anyone can do that."

While that may be true, Best of Enemies illustrates that nobody on television today even comes close to competing with the sheer wit, intelligence and impassioned hostility on display in those 1968 battles between Buckley and Vidal.

> **Someone once suggested to me they were frienemies, but no, there's no friends here.**
> Morgan Neville, co-director of Best of Enemies

"I think they had respect for each other insofar as they thought the other was dangerous," said Neville of the two political sages who barely keep from coming to blows in the film. "There was never any hint of anything warm. Somebody once suggested to me they were frienemies, but no, there's no friends here — this was straight-up, old-school enemy."

TELLING THE TRUTH

The fact-checker
Morgan Neville once worked as a fact-checker for Gore Vidal out of college. "It was horrible," recalled Neville. "He needed very little fact-checking but occasionally there were small things that I had to tweak (and) he would yell at me. He didn't like being contradicted ever."

Morgan Neville, director. HANDOUT

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COMEDY

Married, with children on the road

Ned Ehrbar
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Christina Applegate takes the ultimate American family road trip in Vacation, but she didn't necessarily have a lot of personal experience to draw upon.

The movie looks like it was fun to make. Luckily for us, we had a group of people that made it really fun. Some of the circumstances physically were kind of difficult, but we all were going through it together. This group isn't a group to complain.

Have you gone on many family road trips yourself?
I didn't really have a family, so much. I grew up with a single mom as an only child. My dad's family, we would go camping sometimes in his pop-top VW bus when I was a little kid, and I really enjoyed those. But my mom and I never really went on road trips. Well, we went to Tijuana once.

What made you want to go to Tijuana?
Ask her, because I don't understand it at all. No offense to Tijuana, but a seven-year-old and a woman, at that time in the '70s — it wasn't the safest of areas.

Your character has some interesting layers. What was your favourite aspect of her?
I wanted her to have a past, to have an edge, because to me that's the modern mom right now, the modern mom that I hang out with.

Christina Applegate . HANDOUT

MOVIE NEWS

Latest in spy franchise arrives at perfect time

"This may very well be our last mission," says Jeremy Renner's character, IMF agent William Brandt, in Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation. If it is the last, or one of the last, with Tom Cruise as lead, then the team looks to go out with a bang, and Paramount Pictures is keen to give this week's release Rogue Nation every chance of success.

With the new release landscape looking relatively clear of challengers in the coming months, Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation could be Hollywood's biggest action film for the rest of the summer season after its July 31 debut.

Budgets for Mission: Impossible films have stabilized at around $150M, and for 2011's Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol that budget translated into a franchise record $695M box office take.

If Rogue Nation does the same it would become the fifth biggest hit of the year — at least until Star Wars and Spectre arrive.

AFP

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Tom Cruise is back in Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation. There are motorcycle and car chases and shirtless martial arts and gun fights. That sounds like my action-packed kitchen when I make a pie

Even after reading Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood & the Prison of Belief, I can still suspend my disbelief when I see Tom Cruise on the big screen. He is Maverick; he is Jack Reacher; he is Ethan Hunt.

On July 31, Cruise is back in Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation. Hunt's team has been disbanded by the new CIA boss (Alec Baldwin) but when a multinational group of ex-operatives goes rogue, they must save the day. There are motorcycle and car chases and shirtless martial arts and gun fights.

That sounds like my action-packed kitchen when I make a pie. There are life-and-death decisions that need to be made, starting with: What will I put in the pie? What I am about to say will be so controversial that you may hope this story self-destructs: I do not mix fruit. I want blueberry pie — not blueberry and peach pie. And I know that strawberries will help cut the sour of rhubarb but why in hell would I want to do that?

Then there's the crust itself. First of all, humidity, temperature, even altitude, need to be considered, although I never consider them. Also, the clock is ticking: Overwork the pastry and you'll get a brick, plus, none of the ingredients can't get too warm. Speaking of ingredients, pie crust may only be flour, fat and water, but it's the most contentious recipe in the history of mankind. Because what fat will you choose to make it?

THE MOVIE: Mission Impossible

THE DISH: Rhubarb pie

I spoke with 10 Canadian home bakers who were all pie-making champions for one of the first stories I ever wrote for Maclean's. They all used either lard (rendered pork fat, like Tenderflake) or shortening for their flaky, winning crusts. But professional bakers almost always use butter, which is far less forgiving but produces a better-tasting pastry.

I've attempted dozens of variations, from all-butter recipes to the one that's on the Crisco box. But I've never rolled out a crust without swearing. That being said, a combination of fats bodes best for me. "Butter gives the pastry its flavour and texture," Julia Child wrote in Mastering the Art of French Cooking, while vegetable shortening "has a tenderizing effect that almost all American flours seem to need."

On Sunday, I set out to make a rhubarb pie using half butter and half shortening. I had exactly the two-and-a-half-cups of flour that the Joy of Cooking recipe called for. Jackpot! Only, it smelled musty (I haven't baked since Christmas) and that left me nothing for rolling out the pastry. Off to the grocery store I went. Eventually, I pulled from the oven something resembling a pie. It didn't look like Martha Stewart made it. But it was delicious. Maybe, as Stewart herself might say, that's a good thing.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

Now playing

ACTION & ADVENTURE

Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation

Director: Christopher McQuarrie
Starring: Tom Cruise, Rebecca Ferguson

With the IMF disbanded, and Ethan (Tom Cruise) out in the cold, the team now faces off against a network of highly skilled agents hellbent on creating a new world order.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 90% Audience: +98%

COMEDY

Vacation

Director: John Francis Daley, Jonathan M. Goldstein
Starring: Christina Applegate, Ed Helms

Ed Helms stars in this reboot of the Vacation series as Rusty Griswald, the son of Chevy Chase's iconic character in the original four films. Horrible Bosses' helmers John Francis Daley and Jonathan M. Goldstein write and direct.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 28% Audience: +95%

DRAMA & COMEDY

Tangerine

Director: Sean Baker
Starring: Kitana Kiki Rodriguez, Mya Taylor

A working girl tears through Tinseltown on Christmas Eve searching for the pimp who broke her heart.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 94% Audience: 83%

DOCUMENTARY

Best Of Enemies

Director: Morgan Neville, Robert Gordon
Starring: Gore Vidal, William F. Buckley

In the summer of 1968, television news changed forever. Dead last in the ratings, ABC hired two towering public intellectuals to debate politics. It was unlike anything TV had ever broadcast and a new era in public discourse was born.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 97% Audience: +83%

DRAMA

Paper Towns

Director: Jake Schreier
Starring: Cara Delevingne, Nat Wolff

Adapted from the bestselling novel by author John Green (The Fault in Our Stars), Paper Towns is a coming-of-age story centring on Quentin and his enigmatic neighbour Margo, who loved mysteries so much she became one.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 73% Audience: +95%

DRAMA

Southpaw

Director: Antoine Fuqua
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Rachel McAdams

Billy Hope seemingly has it all with an impressive career, a beautiful and loving wife an adorable daughter and a lavish lifestyle. When tragedy strikes and his lifelong manager and friend (Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson) leaves him behind, Hope hits rock bottom and turns to an unlikely saviour at a run-down local gym.

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Critics: 50% Audience: 78%

Lego the new film on the block

A LEGO BRICKUMENTARY

Documentary builds on the iconic toy's endless appeal

Steve Gow
For Metro

Oscar-nominated filmmakers Kief Davidson and Daniel Junge want to teach you something about Lego.

That's right, Lego — the world-renowned plastic toy brick. Sure, everyone has fond childhood memories of constructing spaceships or houses out of the interlocking blocks. Most can even empathize with the pinching sensation of stepping on a specifically sharp-angled chunk buried in shag carpeting. But Davidson and Junge are banking you don't know everything about Lego.

In the new documentary, A Lego Brickumentary, the co-directing duo take a lighthearted look at Denmark's biggest export — a toy that has been enjoyed by generations and grown into an empire of video games, theme parks and a hit Hollywood movie — not to mention its other astonishing attributes.

"As we realized some of the more serious applications of this so-called toy, that turned out to be surprising," admitted co-director Junge in a recent interview. "How Lego is being used in engineering, architecture, in space."

Life in plastic, it's fantastic for Thorin Finch seen playing with his Lego collection in the new film A Lego Brickumentary. CONTRIBUTED

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> Daniel Junge, co-director of A Lego Brickumentary

Lego as innovation

A Lego Brickumentary unveils just some of the unique ways the simple toy has been adopted by thinkers to design everything from a livable two-storey house to group therapy for kids with autism. "Adults are fascinated about some of the stuff that they had no idea about," said Junge of the toy's innovations. "Things like engineering and city-planning and even therapy."

Lego as community builder

Whether it's the staggering number of fans attending conventions or endorsements by celebrities like singer Ed Sheeran, the film explores the growing communal aspect of Lego. "The expansiveness of the community was surprising," said Junge. "When you've been to one of these conventions and actually experience all that creativity firsthand, it's amazing."

Lego as art

New York-based artist Nathan Sawaya is a central figure in the film. A former lawyer, Sawaya quit to create Lego sculptures that have since amassed many awards and been featured around the globe.

"What he's done is so inspiring," said Davidson. "He's been able to bring art to kids that may have had no exposure to the art world at all. He's made it more acceptable (and) there's no question that his work is having an impact."

MAYBE NOT

Toying with film ideas

Teddy Ruxpin While this talking plush toy would make a terrifying horror film character, it's unlikely to get its own documentary. Toys don't get less interesting than a dopey-looking teddy bear with an antiquated cassette player wedged into its backside.

Stretch Armstong This malleable action figure that could be stretched up to four-feet probably won't be featured in a documentary — unless it's some environmental exposé on how that mysterious goo inside is destroying the ecosystem.

Rubik's Cube This 1980's combination puzzle doesn't have much cinematic merit — unless you enjoy watching frustrated people fiddling with a toy for four hours.

Lite-Brite A simple box housing a 25-watt light bulb illuminating a matrix of holes designed for small colored plastic pegs, Lite-Brite has always been as intense as watching paint dry.

STEVE GOW/FOR METRO

INTERVIEW

Creators of another Wet Hot American Summer reminisce

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

One of the more intriguing entries in Netflix's new, ever-growing roster of original series is Wet Hot American Summer, a prequel to the cult classic comedy from MTV's The State alums David Wain and Michael Showalter — and featuring a before-they-were-stars cast including the likes of Bradley Cooper, Paul Rudd and Amy Poehler.

Were there any reservations about doing a prequel with the same actors almost 15 years later?

Michael Showalter: No, that was an asset. In our mind that was part of the fun of it; the joke being we were too old then, we're way too old now, and instead of making our characters older, we made them younger.

David Wain: It's surprising how much you stop paying attention to it.

MS: One of the big movies from our childhood was Grease, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton John, who are playing high school ... seniors. They're fully adult in that movie. That was sort of our inspiration casting-wise.

How much have you paid attention to the film's fans and what they would expect to learn if you're exploring more of these characters?

DW: To me, I don't think we're serving the fans per se, but I do think we are very caring of this group of characters as fans ourselves in a way.

The cast of the Netflix series Wet Hot American Summer: First Day Of Camp. HANDOUT

It's very important to us to make something that satisfies the fans' desire for more, while at the same time not doing any sort of retread.

What about the new additions to the cast?

DW: Jason Schwartzman plays one of the head counsellors. Lake Bell plays (Showalter's character) Coop's girlfriend who just got back from a trip to Israel.

We have Michael Cera and John Hamm and Chris Pine all playing roles that are too surprising to tell you more about.

We have Michaela Watkins playing a choreographer for the big musical. John Slattery is playing the guest director of the musical.

Kristen Wiig, Josh Charles, even I make an appearance as an Israeli counsellor who poses a threat to Coop.

MS: David's character and my character and Lake Bell's character are in a love triangle.

Without getting into actual figures, how did the budget for this compare to the original film?

DW: I think it was $75 million per episode.

MS: We had Avengers-type numbers. It was an embarrassment of budget. It was so much budget that were just giving people bags of money on the way out.

DW: Basically when you had lunch on set, you could have brownies or you could have Arnold Palmers or just a bag of money. Or all three if you want, if you're that hungry.

That sounds delicious.

DW: Basically the process of doing it was very similar to the original movie, even though in some ways it's obviously different. We're 15 years older and a million things have happened in our careers, but the actual going back to it was like a total mind-trip.

MS: We didn't sleep in bunks. When we made the original, we slept in bunks.

DW: Yeah, we slept in the cabins and ate the camp food.

MS: Well, eventually we stopped eating camp food.

DW: On the original movie the camp cooks made the food for the crew, but it was so bad that even our low-budget, young, hungry crew was like ...

MS: "I can't eat this."

metro TRAVEL

Your essential daily news

Barack Obama says climbing Mount Kilimanjaro is on his post-presidency bucket list

Arctic for geeks

A two-week expedition cruise up the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador into northern Quebec offered sweeping vistas as well as cultural and artistic programming. PHOTOS BY JENNIFER FODEN

CRUISE

Travelling remote terrain with authors, artists and culturalists

Jennifer Foden
For Metro

"Hi, Ms. Atwood?" I nervously said, interrupting the Canadian literary icon's walk along the Saint Pierre coastline with her partner, novelist Graeme Gibson. "I'm a huge fan of your work."

Meeting the literary power couple wasn't by chance: We were all travelling on board the Ocean Endeavour, a small cruise ship of 198 passengers.

The vessel is operated by Adventure Canada, a Mississauga, Ont.-based company, which focuses on reaching wilderness destinations in the Arctic and beyond.

Our trip started that day on the French island of Saint Pierre, 275 kilometres southwest of St. John's. The boat then began its journey up the western coast of Newfoundland, followed by the eastern edge of Labrador, allowing passengers to stop and explore Inuit communities like Rose Blanche and Nain, and hike striking landscapes such as Gros Morne and the Torngat Mountains National Parks. The journey would end travelling into Ungava Bay to Nunavik in northern Quebec.

While exploring the Arctic (spotting wildlife and icebergs, reaching remote landscapes via 10-person Zodiac boats) is why many people travel with Adventure Canada, what really won me over was all the cultural and artistic programming on board. When not exploring the outdoors, guests can attend everything from photography workshops and naturalist talks to book clubs and musical concerts.

My two-week expedition not only welcomed special guests Margaret Atwood and Graeme Gibson, but several notable staff who helped deliver this programming, such as Billy Gautier, an Inuit carver, whose exhibition at the Spirit Wrestler Gallery in Vancouver sold out in 18 minutes; and John Bailey, from Google, who walked the terrain we visited with a Street View camera on his back, visually mapping places that are largely inaccessible. The book nerd in me rejoiced again when I met Terry Fallis, author of The Best Laid Plans, who has twice won the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour. There were Inuit culturalists, Arctic explorers, artists and more.

However, it was more than just the staff and special guests who had something to say.

An expedition cruise with programming such as this attracts passengers that are like-minded, those interested in wildlife, the outdoors, photography, exploration, literature, culture, history and more.

You'd share conversations at meals and on Zodiacs with remarkable people from around the globe.

A fellow passenger referenced the atmosphere on board as a Floating TED Talk; someone else fittingly dubbed it the Arctic for geeks.

The writer was a guest of Adventure Canada and Newfoundland & Labrador Tourism. Neither reviewed nor approved the story.

TRAVEL NOTES SUNSPOT SAVINGS, EASY BOOKING AND MIAMI FLAVOURS

Extend the summer
Iberostar Hotels & Resorts is having a sale for a limited time, with all-inclusive stays in Mexico, Dominican Republic and Jamaica on sale from about $85 per person per night if you book before Aug. 10 for travel between Aug. 16 and Oct. 31. Go to Montego Bay, Playa del Carmen, Playa Paraíso, Playa Bávaro and more. Visit Iberostar.com.

Iberostar Cozumel, Mexico. DOUG WALLACE

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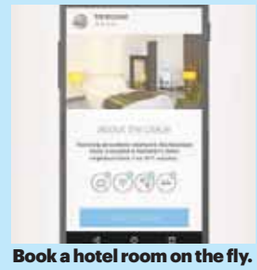
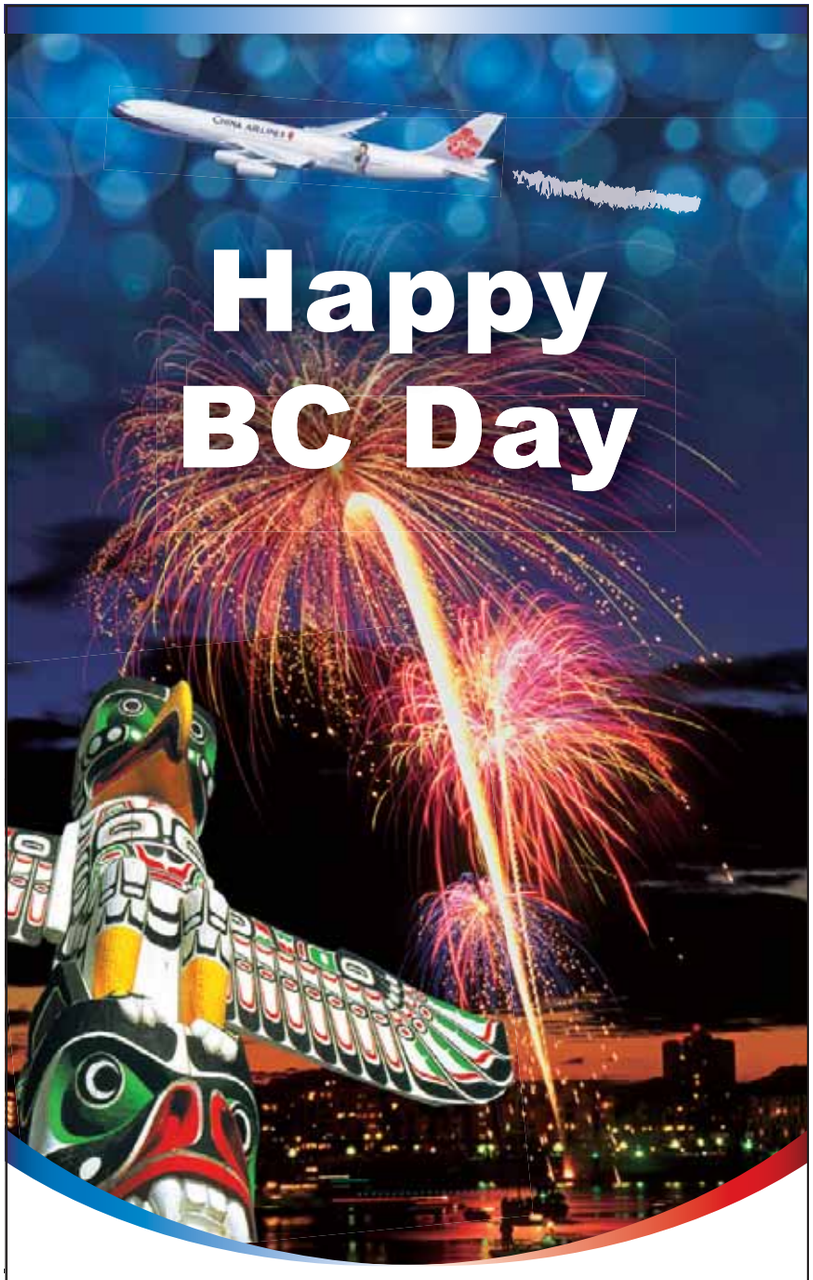


Book a hotel room on the fly. CONTRIBUTED

Miami-licious
Miami Spice is on now till the end of September at Fontainebleau Miami Beach. Enjoy a three-course dinner for about $50 at one of the hotel's four restaurants: Michael Mina 74, Hakkasan and Scarpetta (Sunday to Thursday), and Stripsteak by Michael Mina (seven days a week). Reserve at 877-326-7412 or fontainebleau.com/dining. DOUG WALLACE

Scarpetta at Fontainebleau Miami Beach. CONTRIBUTED



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Comfort campers, now's your time

NATURE

Plenty of ways to enjoy the great indoors in style

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

With a little more than a month of glorious summer left, I urge everyone to hit our great outdoors. According to the 2015 North American Camping Report, an independent study supported by Kampgrounds of America Inc. (KOA), camping has made a comeback.

The fall in gas prices has resulted in people taking more road trips and those same people are spending more nights camping while they travel. Among campers who said that decreased gas prices would impact this year's travel plans, 88 per cent say it would allow them to camp more often and 86 per cent were planning to visit new campgrounds. As well, 72 per cent of Canadian campers surveyed said they intended to visit a provincial park this summer.

If you are curious what nature has to offer, here are a few things to bear mind as you ponder a trip to the great outdoors.

Don't forget the Wi-Fi

You do not have to give up all of your creature comforts. More and more campgrounds, whether privately or publicly owned, offer a handful of campsites for the comfort camper, often complete with a proper bed and linens, chairs, lights, pots and pans and some sort of semi-permanent roof over your head.

Whether they are called yurts, round tent-like structures, or oTENTiks, Parks Canada's cross between an A-frame cabin and a prospector tent, most campgrounds offer an option for those reluctant to rough it.

Although traditionalists may prefer to be off the grid, campgrounds are starting to recognize that doesn't work for everyone.

88%

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The KOA study reports that when selecting which campgrounds to visit and stay at, free Wi-Fi ranks as the third-most important amenity, just behind clean bathrooms and a kid-friendly environment. Younger campers say having access to their smartphone is almost as important as toilet paper.

Camping will reduce your stress and improve your family relationships. A third of campers say that camping has a positive impact on their relationships with family and friends and their emotional well-being.

Setting up your tent and prepping meals is an adventure all members of the family can share, and sleeping outside, especially if it's for the first time, is exhilarating.

All it takes to have a successful camping vacation is a little planning. Parks Canada has a great checklist app that includes safety tips, recipes and first-timer advice.

Kampgrounds of America sites in Niagara Falls, top, and the Thousand Islands. COURTESY KOA CANADA

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Chris Paul will play in the first ever NBA exhibition game in Africa on Saturday in Johannesburg

Whitecaps eye the No. 1 spot versus Sounders FC

MLS

Rivalry game in Seattle has plenty of implications

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

Ho hum, just another meeting between the Vancouver Whitecaps and Seattle Sounders FC.

As if the geographical rivalry and bragging rights for at least a few days weren't enough of a setup, the Whitecaps have a chance to take over the first overall spot in the MLS Supporters' Shield standings, while putting seven points distance between them and the Sounders in the Western Conference.

The Whitecaps can also jump to the top of the Cascadia Cup standings with a win in Seattle on Saturday.

In order to take over spot in MLS, they would need some out-of-town results to fall their way, too. FC Dallas and D.C. United, tied atop the league standings with 38 points, are both in action. If Vancouver gets the win and both of those teams lose, the Whitecaps would jump to No. 1 to begin August.

Winning in Seattle will be no easy feat, even if the Sounders have lost six of their last seven games and haven't scored in their last three games, or since July 3.

"Big rivalry," said midfielder Russell Teibert.

"We look like the most dangerous team in the MLS. With our counter-attacking ability, with the quality all over the pitch, we're a tough team to play against. But then again, so is Seattle."

In previous years, right about now in the summer is when Whitecaps coaches and players have had to account for sudden slumps that put into serious jeopardy the dreams of playoff appearances.

In 2013, the club couldn't regroup from such a seasonal swoon and missed out on the post-season.

This year, the feeling seems to be different, even if the Whitecaps have a young team.

The speedy Kekuta Manneh, who has had a habit of coming up with some of his best MLS performances in Seattle, was asked about what the club was capable of in 2015, given where they stand in the conference.

"This is one of our better records since I've been here," said Manneh. "I don't know the past. But everybody's feeling confident that we have the squad, we have the team, we have the quality to go and win something this year."

The Whitecaps' Kendall Waston, centre, celebrates scoring a goal on Sunday at BC Place Stadium. The Caps beat the Earthquakes 3-1. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

36

The Whitecaps have 36 points in the standings with a record of 11-8-3.

Lions receiver A.C. Leonard reaches for a pass in the end zone against the Blue Bombers' Demond Washington in Winnipeg, Thursday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Willy leads Bombers past Lions

Drew Willy passed for 269 yards and two touchdowns on an injured knee as the Winnipeg Blue Bombers snapped a two-game losing skid with a 23-13 victory over the B.C. Lions on Thursday night.

Willy, who injured his right knee in a loss to Edmonton last Saturday, ran five times for ran 72 yards and completed 17 of 25 pass attempts with no interceptions.

Bombers kicker Lirim Hajrullahu was good on field goals from 19, 20 and 26 yards and both his convert attempts to help Winnipeg even its record to 3-3.

Travis Lulay was 22-for-33 with 254 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions as the Lions (2-3) lost their second straight game.

Bombers rookie receiver Justin Veltung, replacing injured Nick Moore, scored his first CFL touchdown with an eight-yard catch. Winnipeg also got a 56-yard touchdown reception from Darvin Adams. He finished with four catches for 127 yards.

Courtney Taylor caught a 17-yard throw for B.C.'s lone TD.

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THURSDAY In Winnipeg

BOMBERS	LIONS
23	13

CANUCKS

Hutton enjoys green light on offence

Ben Hutton says he started playing hockey as a forward, before switching over to defence, so to see him rush up ice for his first American Hockey League goal maybe shouldn't have been much of a surprise.

Selected by the Vancouver Canucks 147th overall in the 2012 NHL draft and after three years at the University of Maine, Hutton signed an entry-level deal in March and got a small taste of professional hockey with the Utica Comets, Vancouver's minor-league affiliate, this spring.

> **"You need guys that can bring the offence and be able to move the puck."**
> Stan Smyl

His experience in Utica amounted to just four games with one goal, coming in his first game. He accepted a pass at his own blue line, gathered speed through the neutral zone and ripped a wrist shot that beat the Rochester Americans goalie on the glove side.

"I've always had that offensive side on me," Hutton said.

And that's what the Canucks find most appealing, as they look to develop the 22-year-old, six-foot-three blue-liner from Prescott, Ont.

"He's a pretty creative defenceman," said Stan Smyl, Vancouver's senior advisor to the GM.

"As much as you'd like to have those shutdown guys, you need guys that can bring the offence and be able to move the puck, and he does that."

CAM TUCKER/METRO

FIREPOWER

Hutton's best statistical offensive season for the University of Maine was in 2013-14, when he racked up 29 points (15 goals and 14 assists) in 35 games.

David makes Jays Goliath

MLB

Jays acquire Price in second blockbuster deal of week

When the Toronto Blue Jays could put ace Roy Halladay on the mound every fifth day, Alex Anthopoulos recalled then-general manager J.P. Ricciardi saying that alone made them a great team.

Already believing these Blue Jays are a good team, Anthopoulos on Thursday filled their biggest need by trading for star left-handed pitcher David Price. Left-handed pitching prospects Daniel Norris, Matt Boyd and Jairo Labourt went to the Detroit Tigers.

It didn't matter that the price was three prospects, including the top one in the organization, or that Price is a free agent after the season. Anthopoulos believes Price is the No. 1 starter Toronto hasn't had since Halladay.

"Getting guys like Price, that type of impact, those (No.) 1 starters, they can make you a great team all by themselves," Anthopoulos said at a news conference. "It's more a reflection on the belief of the guys we have right now, what we have on the roster. We think we're a good team, and adding a guy like Price we think makes us that much stronger and will give us a chance to win."

Daniel Norris is among the players headed to Detroit in exchange for David Price. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

With the Blue Jays entering play on Thursday two games back of the Minnesota Twins for the second American League wild card, they may suddenly be favourites to make the playoffs with Price. He is an all-star who won the AL Cy Young Award in 2012 with the Tampa Bay Rays.

The 29-year-old is 9-4 this season with a 2.53 earned-run average. In his major-league career, Price is 95-55 with a 3.13 ERA and 1,285 strikeouts in 1,367-1/3 innings, including a 7-0 record at Rogers Centre.

For the next two months Price headlines a rotation that includes R.A. Dickey, Drew Hutchison, Mark Buehrle and Marco Estrada. He's on rotation to start as soon as Sunday against the Kansas City Royals but could also pitch Monday against the Twins.

This trade came in the same week as the Blue Jays traded for shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and reliever LaTroy Hawkins. While Tulowitzki is signed to a long-term deal, Price is a rental player who will command a hefty salary this offseason.

Price, who was traded from the Rays to the Tigers at the deadline a year ago, is making $19.75 million US in the final year of his contract. Anthopoulos said he was not yet dwelling on the possibility of re-signing Price, which could be a difficult task.

"I think every team in baseball would love to have this guy on their team long term," he said. "We've just got to get in the line." THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE NUMBERS

$19,750,000: Price's salary for 2015
0: Years left on Price's contract
9-4: Price's record
2.53: Price's ERA
7-0: Price's career record at the Rogers Centre
16-2: Price's career record vs. Toronto
5: All-star game appearances
12: Likely 2015 starts left
7*: Games behind Yankees
13: Games left vs. Yankees
2*: Games behind wild card
13: Games left vs. teams ahead of them in the wild-card race

*Stats prior to games on Thursday
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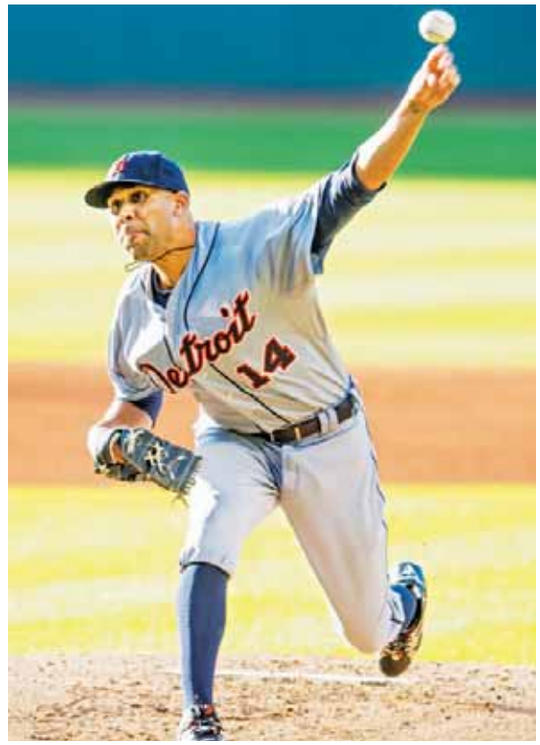

David Price could make his first start for the Blue Jays as early as Sunday. JASON MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

THURSDAY In Toronto

BLUE JAYS	ROYALS
5	2

Blue Jays flush Royals
Dioner Navarro, Russell Martin and Josh Donaldson each hit a home run as Toronto beat AL-leading Kansas City in the opener of a four-game series.

IN BRIEF

Latos joins Dodgers in 13-player trade
The first-place Los Angeles Dodgers have bolstered their pitching staff, acquiring Mat Latos from the Miami Marlins and Alex Wood, Jim Johnson and Luis Avilan from the Atlanta Braves in a 13-player deal.

Mat Latos GETTY IMAGES

The rebuilding Braves also gave up top infield prospect Jose Peraza in Thursday's trade, paying a hefty price largely to land 30-year-old Cuban infielder Hector Olivera at a steep discount. Atlanta also got left-handed reliever Paco Rodriguez and minor-league pitcher Zachary Bird from Los Angeles.
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Gomez dealt to Astros
The Astros have added another bat to their lineup as they make a push for the post-season, acquiring two-time All-Star outfielder Carlos Gomez from the Milwaukee Brewers.

Houston, which also received right-hander Mike Fiers in the deal, sent four prospects to the Brewers: left-hander Josh Hader, right-hander Adrian Houser and outfielders Brett Phillips and Domingo Santana.
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- 1 tsp baking powder
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- 1/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cup vanilla frozen yogurt, softened
- 1 1/2 cup chocolate frozen yogurt, softened

Chocolate Glaze
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup 2% evaporated milk

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a large 6 cup (4-inch wide) muffin tin with vegetable oil. Combine sugar, oil, egg, vanilla and cocoa powder and mix until smooth. Add flour, baking powder, yogurt and chips and mix just until combined, don't overmix. Divide into large muffin tin and bake for 12 minutes or just until no longer wet. Cool. Place 1/4 cup softened frozen vanilla frozen yogurt on top of muffin along with 1/4 cup chocolate frozen yogurt.
2. Melt chocolate and evaporated milk on high for approx. 30 seconds. Whisk until smooth. Cool. (If too thick, add more evaporated milk.) Pour over top of frozen yogurt. Top with coloured sprinkles. Freeze until serving.
3. With a wet knife, gently remove brownies from tray. Slice in half.

Nutrition per half serving
- Calories 190
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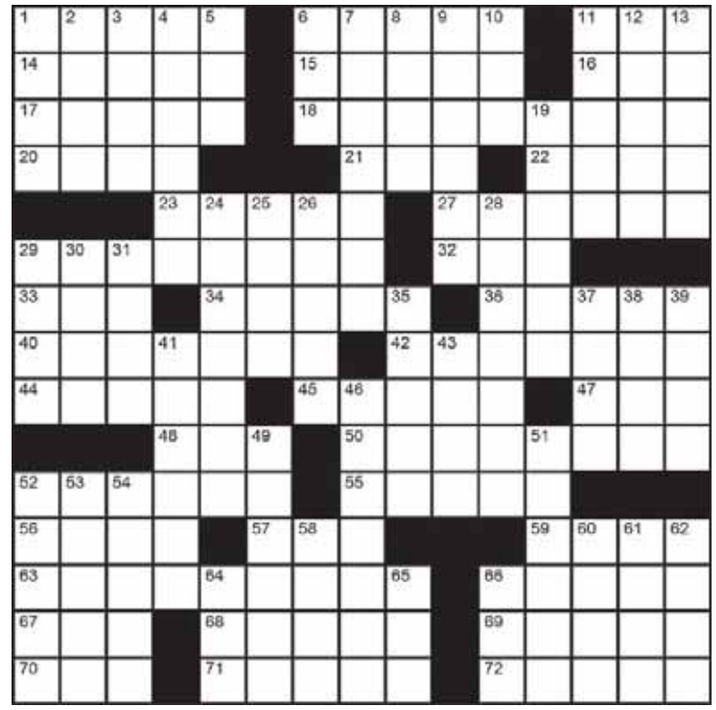

ACROSS
1. Kilt-wearer's dance
6. Fearing-one's suffix
11. Intl. clock standard
14. Hawaiian-style veranda
15. Glass: French
16. Whopper
17. Squirrel's prize
18. Heavy pole event at #63-Across: 2 wds.
20. Madonna's first hubby's surname
21. Dog's physician, commonly
22. Aid and _
23. Basket-making fibre
27. Cantankerous
29. Go-Go's water skiing video hit
32. Mr. Beatty
33. Baffin, e.g.
34. By _ _ (How close races are won)
36. "_ at 'em!"
40. Scottish Highland kilt pouch
42. Twinkle
44. Up to now: 2 wds.
45. Smooth transition
47. Watering _ (Gardener's prop)
48. Matterhorn, for one
50. Ontario village (southeast of Ottawa) where #63-Across is held each summer
52. Silent movie's in-distress role
55. German Shepherd or Labrador
56. Odd mixture
57. Writer Ms. LeShan
59. Red-wax covered cheese
63. July 31st to August 1st, 2015: _ Highland Games
66. Canadian sweets shop, _ Secord
67. Mr. Somerhalder
68. Accepted practice
69. Venerated villager
70. Nav. designation
71. Attach a patch: 2 wds.
72. Analyze

DOWN
1. Envelope part
2. Wedding gown trim
3. Aware of, as a surprise: 2 wds.
4. C.S. Lewis fantasy land
5. _ and tonic
6. _ _ _ piping
7. Angelic abodes
8. "...there _ _ square."
9. Cape Island link
10. 'Musket' suffix
11. Shakespeare's _ (Playhouse for The Bard's works)
12. Scrooge
13. Petulant
19. Two-seated bicycle
24. Shake up
25. Ms. Yothers of "Family Ties"
26. Common _ (Birds on Canadian dollar coins)
28. Alleviate
29. Traveler's documentation
30. Snake sorts
31. Be overly sweet
35. Actress Samantha of 1967 movie musical "Doctor Dolittle"
37. Gladiator's 2150
38. The Food Network creation
39. Coastal bird, variantly
41. Cause
43. Sumptuous
46. Trade blockade
49. Courteous word
51. Epitomes
52. Stray calf [var. sp.]
53. Edgar Poe link
54. Demeanors
58. Attraction
60. Lemons/turkeys
61. Region
62. Peter, Paul & _
64. Paul Simon song line: "Hop on the bus, _..."
65. Hankering
66. Pastureland

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful how you react to criticism today. If you let your enemies see that your feelings are hurt they will go out of their way to hurt you further. Pretend that you are not the slightest bit bothered.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You find it hard to be modest, but today you would be wise not to draw attention to your superiority because there is something you have missed that could make you look very silly.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The best way to get over your negative mood is to throw yourself into an activity that you enjoy. It doesn't have to be important, just something that takes your mind off your worries.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You want to speak your mind today, but be warned: you could be the one who is the topic of conversation if you stray from the facts. What others say won't be pleasant.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is not a good time to say or do anything that might meet the disapproval of people in power. Yes, there are facts that need to be looked at but don't make a big deal of it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you tread on someone's toes today the consequences could be painful for both of you! Minor differences could escalate quite rapidly into major disputes, so steer clear of people who offend easily.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The most important thing now is that you act as if you care, even if you don't. Others are counting on you to raise their spirits and if you are as nice a person as they say you are you will tell them what they need to hear.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are never afraid to be controversial but today there is a danger that you will go too far and make an enemy of someone powerful. You may be brave, but ask yourself: is it worth the hassle?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't neglect the needs of those you love in your haste to make a name for yourself on the work front. You could all too easily turn people against you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you help someone today they will repay the favour later, when you are the one in need. In a nutshell: be kind to others and they will more likely be kind to you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The time has come to end some kind of partnership. It won't be easy but you know it must be done. In the long-term it will be good for you both.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You must be honest with yourself about what you want and what you have to do to get it. And if you come to the conclusion that the price is too high then lower your sights and aim for something less demanding.

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